

HAINAN NOTES

General

- 15 miles off S China Coast -
- 300 miles East of Tonkin -
- 160 miles long NW - SE - form of oval
- 2,500,000 persons -

Terrain

- Coastal plain 35 miles or so wide in NE, narrower plain around rest of island
- Central highland - up to 6000 ft. altitude - covered with dense vegetation
- Road net confined to coastal plain - RR to S & W coasts

Economy

- Primarily agricultural on N plain.
- Developed rubber and sugar plantations under Jap occupation 1939-45. These have been pushed by CC. Sugar most important agricultural export
- Iron mining inland from Peili on the West and North of Yulin in South - 750,000 T/yr production under the Japs. Ore loading facilities at Peili and Yulin. Reserves 400 million tons
- 56,000 T iron sent Czechoslovakia late 1951
- Some tin mining near Peili - 250 T/yr est.

Communications

- Road network deteriorated after 1945 - rehabilitated on East Coast Hoihow to Yulin; west coast road partly useable to Peili
- West coast railroad not operational
- Ports needed rehabilitation and dredging; program now under way at Hoihow and Yulin; latter very important in Jap naval operations in WW II.

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Military

- 43rd Army at Hoihow (127 Div Kachek; 128 Div. at Hoihow; 129 Div Yulin?)
- Naval base at Hoihow, weather station and base - Yulin
- No air units known on Hainan; air defense early warning net in operation since June 1952 - probably controlled from Canton
- Improvable airfield~~s~~ at K^{LUNG}gshan (near Hoihow) - can take C-47's